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28 December 1960

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 28 December 1960

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Douglas, Mr. Gray, Mr. Harr,  
Mr. Merchant, Mr. Riddleberger, Mr. Smith1. Possible Problems Immediately After January 20th

The Board continued its discussion of December 21st on the desirability of taking steps to avoid the possibility of a period immediately after noon of January 20th, wherein key departments and agencies would not have officials authorized to act in an emergency. Mr. Gray reported that the points raised at last week's meeting had been relayed by him to General Persons, who will see that responsible officials consider this matter further.

2. SAMOS

The Board noted that a SAMOS shot is scheduled for early January. It was agreed that pertinent information should be made available to the President-elect, probably through Secretary-designate Rusk.

3. OCB Papers

There was some discussion of just how and when OCB records should be transferred to either a reconstituted board or to some other agency designated by the new administration. In this connection, a suggestion was made that Secretary Herter might wish to consider protesting to the Jackson committee about the manner in which his testimony regarding the OCB had been distorted through elision.

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##### 5. Possible Statement on Space Activities


The Board then turned to consideration of the implications of a recent high-level decision that there are no compelling reasons, scientific or psychological, to continue a program of manned exploration of space, after the Mercury program. The consensus was that any public statement on this matter must be carefully handled so as to avoid unfortunate psychological repercussions. It was the sense of the meeting that if any statement has to be made, the originator, presumably NASA, should coordinate carefully with all interested departments and agencies, particularly with respect to the manner and timing of such a statement. It was suggested that in such an event the statement be cast along the general line that it is impossible to project future programs without the benefit of knowledge to be gained from Mercury.

##### 6. African Horse Sickness

Mr. Douglas initiated a discussion of this disease, which is spreading through Southeastern Europe, Turkey and Iran. It was noted that a number of departments and agencies are addressing themselves to this matter, on a coordinated basis, and that an FAO meeting in Paris in the near future will certainly have the item on its agenda. It was also noted that the Iranians are capable, perhaps with some outside help, of producing a worthwhile vaccine. Mr. Riddleberger said that ICA is investigating possibilities of assistance.

##### 7. Defense Support of International Aviation

Mr. Douglas reported that Jacqueline Cochran has been active again in attempting to obtain U.S. support for the Federation Aeronautique Internationale, particularly in connection with its meeting scheduled for the fall of 1961. Mr. Douglas said that the Air Force has in the past provided substantial amounts of transport for this purpose, and inquired whether the State Department did not have enough interest to enable it to assist. Mr. Merchant was non-committal.

  
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